



IN REPLY REFER TO:
Executive Direction

United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
EASTERN OKLAHOMA REGION
OSAGE AGENCY
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Notice to the Lessee:

On November 2, 2015, the President signed into law the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act, Sec. 701 of Pub. L. 114-74, which requires Federal agencies to adjust civil monetary penalties annually to account for inflation. Civil monetary penalties are any assessments with a dollar amount that are levied for a violation of a Federal civil statute or regulation, and are enforceable through a civil action in Federal court or an administrative proceeding.

In accordance with the Act, on January 23, 2017, the Bureau of Indian Affairs published a Final Rule adjusting the civil monetary penalties contained in the Bureau's regulations in Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, including the regulations set forth in 25 C.F.R. Part 226—Leasing of Osage Reservation Lands for Oil and Gas Mining. See 82 Fed. Reg. 7649. The Final Rule became effective on the date of its publication in the Federal Register. Accordingly, as of January 23, 2017, the Osage Agency was required to begin assessing civil monetary penalties under 25 C.F.R. Part 226 at the following rates:

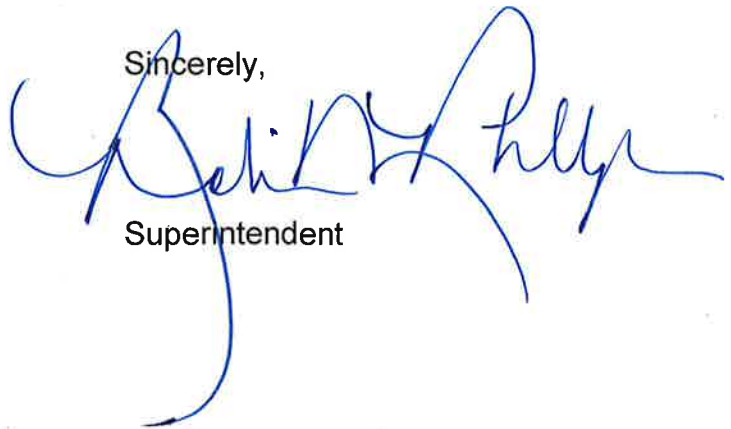
CFR Citation	Adjusted Penalty for 2017
25 CFR § 226.42	\$906
25 CFR § 226.43(a)	\$90
25 CFR § 226.43(b)	\$90
25 CFR § 226.43(c)	\$90
25 CFR § 226.43(d)	\$90
25 CFR § 226.43(e)	\$181
25 CFR § 226.43(f)	\$362
25 CFR § 226.43(g)	\$906
25 CFR § 226.43(h)	\$90

Enclosed please find a copy of the Osage Agency's policy regarding the assessment of penalties and fines, which has been revised to reflect the 2017 adjustment to civil monetary penalties. The policy is also available on the Osage Agency's website at the following link:

<https://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/RegionalOffices/EasternOklahoma/WeAre/Osage/index.htm>

If you have any questions regarding this Notice or the enclosed policy, please contact the Osage Agency at (918) 287-5700.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben H. Hays", is written over the word "Superintendent".

Superintendent

Enclosures (1)